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 FM AMCONSUL GUANGZHOU
 TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7981
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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
 TAGS: ELAB, PHUM, CH, US
 SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PRISON LABOR VIOLATIONS IN GUANGZHOU
 REFS: (A) STATE 204153 } (B) STATE 19290 }

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST'S AUGUST 16 EDITION
 REPORTS THAT AT LEAST THREE REEDUCATION CAMPS IN AND
 AROUND GUANGZHOU OPERATE ESSENTIALLY AS FACTORIES
 PRODUCING GOODS FOR EXPORT, SOME OF WHICH REACH THE U.S.
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 THE LENGTHY ARTICLE, WHICH WAS BASED LARGELY ON AN
 INTERVIEW WITH A FORMER REEDUCATION CAMP INMATE, NAMES
 THE GUANGZHOU NYLON KNITTING AND DYEING FACTORY, THE
 SANSHUI XIAN FARM, AND THE CHA TAU ISLAND CAMP. INMATES
 WHO HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP IN LOCAL VICE CRACKDOWNS
 REPORTEDLY WORK LONG HOURS PRODUCING CLOTHES, TOYS, AND
 UMBRELLAS WHICH ARE THEN SHIPPED TO HONG KONG FOR FINAL
 ASSEMBLY AND ON TO THE U.S.

3. OUR READING OF THE PRISON LABOR MOU (REF A) SUGGESTS
 THAT GOODS PRODUCED AT THESE CAMPS ARE COVERED UNDER THE
 TERM "PENAL LABOR." OUR UNDERSTANDING IS BASED ON REF B
 (DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON A DRAFT TEXT) WHICH STATES THAT
 THE MOU MUST COVER ALL FACILITIES, INCLUDING REEDUCATION
 AND REFORM CAMPS. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, PLEASE ADVISE
 WHETHER WE SHOULD SEEK TO ARRANGE VISITS TO THE THREE

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CAMPS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

4. FOR BEIJING: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER U.S. CUSTOMS
REPRESENTATIVE GORMAN WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN
SUCH A VISIT. HARTER

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